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AND CAMBODIA TRADE.

REF: A) ATHENS 4616; B) STATE 147200; C) BOUTON/DAY
TELCON, JUNE 24, 1975

1. AS RESULT OF REF C. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY
REQUIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROVISIONS IN EFFECT
REGARDING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS WHOSE VESSELS
TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM.

2. SECTION 620(N) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961
STATES "NO LOANS, CREDITS, GUARANTIES, OR GRANTS OR
OTHER ASSISTANCE SHALL BE FURNISHED UNDER THIS OR ANY
OTHER ACT, AND NO SALES SHALL BE MADE UNDER THE AGRICUL-
TURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, TO ANY
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COUNTRY WHICH SELLS OR FURNISHES TO NORTH VIETNAM, OR
WHICH PERMITS SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO
TRANSPORT TO OR FROM NORTH VIETNAM, ANY EQUIPMENT,
MATERIALS, OR COMMODITIES SO LONG AS THE REGIME IN NORTH

VIETNAM GIVES SUPPORT TO HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES THAT SUCH LOANS, CREDITS, GUARANTIES, GRANTS, OTHER ASSISTANCE, OR SALES ARE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES².

3. FYI ONLY. DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY STUDYING WHETHER, AS A RESULT OF PRESENT CONDITIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SECTION 620(N) (PARA 2 ABOVE) IS STILL IN EFFECT. THIS DECISION IS EXPECTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS AND DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF THE DECISION. THE PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER PROVISION HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE DECEMBER, 1974, BUT THE PRESIDENT HAS YET TO GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS PROVISION FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE VESSELS TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM. END FYI ONLY.

4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MEASURE, SECTION 103(D)(3) OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, PROHIBITS TITLE I PL 480 SALES TO COUNTRIES WHICH PERMIT THEIR SHIPS TO CARRY GOODS TO NORTH VIETNAM. THIS MEASURE HAS NO PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER PROVISION.

5. NONE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO VESSELS WHICH HAVE CALLED IN SOUTH VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA.

6. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALL OF THESE PROVISIONS, A GREEK VESSEL WOULD BE ONE REGISTERED IN GREECE AND FLYING THE GREEK FLAG. KISSINGER

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